GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:624
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2000
LOSS DUE TO FLOODS
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drainage problem due to frequent floods and heavy rains affect vast stretches of agricultural land in the coastal States, particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether there is any comprehensive plan to tackle the problem;

(c) if so, the estimated funds required therefor;

(d) whether the Government have provided the required funds;

(e) if not, whether the Government propose to seek the help from World Bank; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.624 TO BE ANSWERED ON TH 10TH MAY, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir. At present, there is no comprehensive plan as such to tackle the problem at the Central level. However, the Government of Orissa is stated to have prepared a comprehensive plan for improvement of drainage problem covering Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Jajpur, Bhadrak, Balasore, Puri and Khurda districts.

(c): The Government of Orissa proposal requires Rs.364.40 crore at 1997 price level.

(d): No, Sir.

(e)&(f): At present , there is no proposal at the Central level to seek the assistance of the World Bank. The Government of Orissa, however, proposes to seek the assistance of the World Bank for improvement of drainage system in Mahanadi Delta instages I&II covering Kendrapara, Cuttack, Puri and Khurda districts amounting to Rs.227 crore at the 1999 price level.